

REMARKS

In response to (i) the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004 and (ii) entrance of the Amendment filed on March 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully request further entrance of this Supplemental Amendment. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicants submit the following remarks and have added a new claim. Applicants request that, after consideration of these remarks, a favorable decision will be provided regarding the claims. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-9, 12-20, 22-27, 30-35 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 20, 24, and 30 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. Claim 35 has been added by this amendment.

Newly Added Claim

Claim 35 has been added and is believed to be in allowable condition. Claim 35 depends from claim 30. Support for claim 35 is provided within the Specification, for example, on page 8, line 20 through page 9, line 26 as well as Figs. 7 and 8. No new matter has been added.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Supplemental Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this Supplemental Amendment, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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